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SUBJECT: GOLDEN DRAGON ACROBATS AT JASPER ARTS CENTER

The Golden Dragon Acrobats will perform at the Jasper Arts Center on Saturday, October 12th, at 3:30 p.m. This production kicks off the 2013-2014 Family Fun Series and will feature over 30 acrobats who will entertain the audience with an amazing extravaganza of skill, music and costumes.

The performance will feature astounding acrobatics with theatrical enhancements and Chinese traditional dance. The group features contortionists, tumblers and jugglers in acts such as plate-spinning, bicycle pagoda and juggling everything from balls to umbrellas using not only hands but feet. The acrobats will be seen perching atop a 30 foot tower of chairs, bending like rubber and balancing human pyramids while riding moving bicycles. With performers trained in the rigorous art of Chinese acrobatics since early youth, the Golden Dragon Acrobats have garnered international acclaim.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats hail from Cangzhou, Hebei province, in the People's Republic of China and have toured the United States continuously since 1978. Its 25 members are athletes, actors and artists who have studied and trained for their craft since early childhood. The group's founder, producer and director, Danny Chang, is one of the world's leading promoters of Chinese acrobatics. He began his training at the age of eight with his family's acrobatic school in Taipei, and began performing with its touring wing, the Golden Dragon Acrobats, at age ten. He has won many awards.

The art of Chinese Acrobatics is an ancient tradition that began in China more than 2,000 years ago. Over its long and rich history, acrobatics has developed as one of the most popular art forms among the Chinese people. Acrobatic troupes were traditionally family-owned, and members made their living roaming the countryside as street performers for their livelihood. Many of the famous acrobatic families have been touring for generations. Some signature Chinese acrobatic acts that the public will see are: hoop diving, rolling balance contortionist, spinning plates, chair stacking handstand, foot juggling, and

the lion and dragon acts. Part theatre, part dance and lots of acrobatics, this performance will stun and delight the audience.

The performance is suitable for all ages. There will only be one performance on Saturday, October 12th, at 3:30 p.m. Order your tickets now by calling the Jasper Arts Center right away at (812) 482-3070.

Prices are \$15 for adults and seniors and \$8 for students and children.

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